



THE GRAND STAND

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hospital for crippled children. From that beginning came the Ohio Society for Crippled Children and later, in 1921, the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults emerged. A camp in Pennsylvania bears his name "Camp Daddy Allen".

PROGRESS IN TRANSPORTATION

Bill of Rights for Handicapped Passengers: The new Bill of Rights for Handicapped Passengers, effective this past August, requires bus companies engaged in intercity service to transport those with handicaps, provide special assistance and remodel terminals as necessary for accommodation. Excerpted from the regulations formulated and adopted by the Interstate Commerce Commission are the following:

- No carrier shall deny transportation to any person on the basis of a handicap, physical disability, or blindness, or because that person cannot board a bus without assistance.
- All carriers shall, whenever possible, provide assistance to handicapped, disabled, blind and elderly passengers in boarding buses; such assistance, when requested, shall include advance boarding and seating.
- Carriers shall provide assistance to such passengers on request in the use of terminal accommodations and baggage service.
- At all terminals there shall be prominently displayed, a notice stating where and from whom such assistance may be obtained.
- All terminals shall be designed and constructed so that accommodations are accessible to handicapped, disabled, blind and elderly passengers.
- All terminals which are newly built or substantially renovated after Jan. 1, '78, shall be constructed or altered in accordance with the minimum standards in the "American National Standard Specifications for making Buildings and Facilities Accessible to, and Usable by the Physically Handicapped."

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PENDING LEGISLATION

SENATE BILL 71-amends the State Lottery Law by allocating funds to payment for local transportation for the permanently disabled.

SENATE BILL 94-Provides that property used for Community Living Arrangements for the handicapped and retarded be zoned residential.

SENATE BILL 292-Provides medical assistance reimbursements for certain items and services presently not covered.

SENATE BILL 959-Establishes special care centers for severely disabled infants.

SENATE BILL 979-The Mental Retardation Residential Placement Procedure Act provides for living and habilitation arrangements that are as close to normal as possible.

HOUSE BILL 139-Amends the Civil Service Act by providing a preference for handicapped persons taking the test.

HOUSE BILL 254-Amends the Public Welfare Code by providing for certain medical assistance payments.

HOUSE BILL 1496-Elderly and Handicapped Protective Service Law protects against physical or mental abuse of the disabled elderly.

HOUSE BILL 1703-Expands the Motor Vehicle Code section on parking for vehicles with handicapped plates.

HOUSE BILL 1707-A companion bill to H.B. 1703, this bill expands the definition of persons entitled to apply for handicapped plates.

ARCHITECTURAL/ TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, created by Congress in 1973 insures that all buildings and facilities owned, occupied or financed by the U.S. Government are in compliance with the Architectural Barriers Act. If you experience difficulty entering a public building because of stairs, curbs, narrow or hard-to-open doors, etc., notify A&TBCB, Washington, D.C. 20201.

IF YOU WANT TO TRAVEL . . .

If you desire travel information for the handicapped, contact Operation

Overcome, 7th & Wyoming St., Allentown, Pa. 18103. They have information available on automobiles, rent-a-car, hotels and motels, buses, travel and railroads. Operation Overcome publishes a good newsletter "Double-O News". It's worth buying a subscription.

TAX BREAKS FOR EMPLOYERS OF THE DISABLED

Important new tax credits for employers of disabled persons have been produced by the Tax Reduction and Simplification Act of 1977 (PL95-30) signed by President Carter on May 23, 1977. Employers may claim up to \$100,000 annually in credits based upon 50% of the first \$4,200 (\$2,100) paid to an employee hired in 1977 or 1978. An additional 10% credit, limited to one-fifth of the 50% credit, is available to employers who hire handicapped individuals referred under a vocational rehabilitation plan.

VENDING FACILITY OPERATOR HONORED

Bill is definitely a unique person, and to describe him we asked for some other opinions. We think this sums him up:

... "How can one begin to explain the relationship between Bill Hallman and the Lankenau Student Nurses? Bill and his canteen represent far more than a haven from locked wards and the chaotic world of mental illness. He supplies a generous dose of sunshine with your morning coffee and offers sincere concern, interest and the gift of laughter to every student during their rotation at Haverford State Hospital. His regard for our students is exemplified in the phrase Bill uses, "Nothing but the best for the best". By giving so freely of himself, Bill has enriched all of us.

And to those who would believe that Bill is blind, I would sincerely like to say that this is a man who sees with a greater vision than you or I, for he has the capacity to recognize people for what they really are and to love them for it, or in spite of it."

Thank you Bill, for sharing your kindness with us.

Class of 1978

CONSUMER GROUPS FOR THE HANDICAPPED: WHERE ARE YOU? ? ?

In the Office of the Governor's Advocate for the Physically Handicapped we receive calls every day from handicapped citizens from across Pennsylvania who often require the assistance of one of the many groups of handicapped individuals that have banded together. Our problem has been in identifying the specific organizations and the services, etc. that each provides.

In an attempt to remedy this situation, we ask that if you are a member of such an organization, or know someone who is, please complete the form below and mail it to Larry Blankenhorn, 900 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. 17101.

A file will be maintained in the Governor's Office for Human Resources by the Governor's Advocate for the Physically Handicapped.

Thank you for your assistance in this very important effort to better serve the handicapped population of the Commonwealth.

Even if the Governor's Office is already aware of your Organization, please complete the form and mail it. In this way, we will be sure that ALL organizations will be on file.

SCOUTING MAKES CHANGE

Our congratulations to Gregory Wittine, in receiving his Eagle Scout award, even though he was over the usual age limit. He earned his required 24 merit badges at Troop 350 at the UCP, Nassau County. Thanks to Greg, his family, Richard Golden, his scoutmaster, and UCP, the national age limit was changed.

HORTICULTURAL THERAPY

The National Council for Therapy and Rehabilitation through Horticulture (NCTRH) was created in 1973 to promote and encourage the development of horticulture and related activities as a therapeutic and rehabilitation medium. Because disabilities may be transformed into abilities when people with MS have the opportunity to work with plants, both indoors and outdoors, NCTRH may possibly open the doors for using skills in both employment and recreation. For more information, write National Council for Therapy and Rehabilitation through Horticulture, Mt. Vernon, Virginia 22121.

PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS REPORT: HANDICAP CASES ARE ON THE RISE

Discrimination against persons because of handicap or disability became illegal under the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act in the closing days of the 1973-74 legislative session. The law covers housing, public accommodations and employment, provided that the handicap is non-job-related with respect to employment.

Discrimination against the handicapped is rapidly becoming a significant segment of the Commission's work.

Only seven charges of housing discrimination because of handicap are expected in the current year as compared to 11 in 1976-77 and 10 the previous year.

The agency anticipates closing 227 handicap cases in 1977-78 — a 59% increase over the 143 closings in 1976-77. In 1975, 68 cases involving handicap bias were closed. In 57% of the current year's closings a formal finding is projected — most probably upholding the complaint in 64 cases and not upholding the complaint in 65 cases. This would represent a 73% increase in closings upholding the complaint and a 23% increase.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Name of Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone: area code () _____

Number of members _____

Type of Service/Activity: _____

Name of Chairman/President _____

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

CONFERENCE ON HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS INCORPORATED

Name: _____

Mail this coupon and \$3.00 to:

Address: _____

Street and Number

City

State

Zip

Phone Number — Area Code () _____

Ms. Bonnie Gellman
Membership Secretary
Apt 807
3701 Conshohocken Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa. 19131

CONFERENCE ON HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS, INC.

The Conference on Handicapped Individuals, Inc. is a direct descendant of the Governor's Conference held at Hershey in December, 1976. The Governor's Conference demonstrated a need for an organization of citizens to continue to push for action on behalf of the handicapped, to monitor the programs already in place, and to conduct periodic reassessments of gains made and future needs.

The action steps set forth in the Implementation Committee Report are dependent on a continued commitment of handicapped individuals and on all citizens who work with them and for them. The Conference on Handicapped Individuals, Inc. is the organization that will enable all citizens to work together to help accomplish the goals articulated at the Governor's Conference.

The Task Forces of the Implementation Committee have set down many obligations for the Conference on Handicapped Individuals, Inc. Throughout the report there are calls for the handicapped to publicize services and needs, to act as advisors and consultants, to press for legislation, to serve as citizen-advocates, to increase public awareness of the needs and problems of the disabled, and, most important, to monitor the state government programs for the handicapped which are mandated, but which may fall short of realization.

The embryo developing at Hershey is now a fledgling. The Conference on Handicapped Individuals, Inc., is now a statewide membership organization with

officers, a board of directors from the regions represented at Hershey and bylaws which have been restructured to allow each region to develop its own organization to work at the local level. The Conference on Handicapped Individuals, Inc. is an organization of individuals; physically handicapped, mentally handicapped, blind, deaf, emotionally handicapped, parents of handicapped, teachers, counselors, physicians, therapists, clergymen, administrators, volunteers, and all interested citizens who are willing and eager to push together to accomplish the goals set out at Hershey.

The organization's present Officers are: President, Carl Odhner; Recording Secretary, Dr. D. Glass, Membership Secretary, Ms. Bonnie Gellman; and Treasurer, Mr. George Brenyo.

To become a member of the Conference on Handicapped Individuals, Inc., just fill in the form at the top of this page and mail it with your \$3.00 membership fee to the address shown on the form.

Election of Officers will be held this fall. Only members of Conference on Handicapped Individuals, Inc. may vote and/or be nominated to hold office.

Please join TODAY! ! !

990 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION

On May 12th the State Board of Education approved changing its regulation to comply with the Pennsylvania School Code, section 15-1504.

All elementary school children will now have available to them a minimum of 5½ hours of daily instruction. This time

does NOT include lunch, transportation time, etc.

Lunch can only be included in this time if the child's IEP requires such instruction. Also, entire classes (i.e. TMR) cannot be made to count lunch as instructional. Each child's IEP must specifically require such instruction.

PENNSYLVANIA RECEIVES IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

Gary J. Makuch, Director of the Bureau of Special Education, recently announced the addition of Bernadette Reidy to the staff of the Bureau as the Coordinator of the Early Childhood State Implementation Project. This project, sponsored jointly by the Department of Education and Beaver Valley I.U. is designed to develop a statewide interagency plan for the coordination of

delivery of comprehensive programs and services to handicapped children below school age. Through the activities of this Project, it is the intent of the Department to determine their role in the future of preschool education to handicapped children. With this interagency plan, the needs of handicapped children in Pennsylvania can be addressed more effectively in all areas of service delivery.

"WHERE SHALL THEY LIVE?"

Nearly 300 people representing state and private facilities and agencies from nine states attended Temple's "WHERE SHALL THEY LIVE?" Conference in June.

The two-day Conference, which offered more than 20 workshops, dealt with the future of residential care for retarded people. It presented appraisals of existing conditions in Pa., a description of community living programs in Michigan, and an analysis of New York's Willowbrook Institution which drastically reduced its population of more than 5000 in two years' time.

Sponsored by Temple's Developmental Disabilities and Woodhaven Centers, it brought faculty and students from West Virginia and Rutgers Universities.

Joseph J. Colombatto, Woodhaven's Director said, "The Conference offered a wide range of materials and viewpoints presented by a number of nationally-known authorities in the field of developmental disabilities.

"We have resolved no specific issues in these two days, but we have continued and strengthened the planning process.

"One of the positive aspects of the Conference was that it served to remind each of us that we are dealing with the question of how best to provide options or alternatives for people.

"The debate of institutions vs. community living is not a valid one. The question is really what does a person need and how do we provide such a program in the least restrictive environment?"

The Conference's keynote speakers were Dr. Frank Menolascino, Past President, National Association for Retarded Citizens, currently affiliated with the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute and Dr. Richard Scheerenberger, President, American Association on Mental Deficiency and Director of the Central Wisconsin Center for the Developmentally Disabled. A highlight of the Conference was a Panel of four parents who presented different perspectives on the future of residential care for retarded people.

SNYDER RECEIVES AWARD

At their 10th Annual Institute, The Pennsylvania Therapeutic Recreation Institute recently honored John H. Snyder, the Governor's Advocate for the Physically Handicapped for his foresight in the development of the Institute, and his service as Chairman during the Institute's first four years of existence.

The Institute's President, William Dayton, presented a plaque to Mr. Snyder for "his pioneer efforts in the development and promotion of the Therapeutic Recreation Institute. . . ."

TELEPHONE COMPANY WILL HELP

To Call Directory Assistance in other area codes, dial "1", plus the area code you are calling, plus 555-1212.

Calls to Directory Assistance from

handicapped persons who cannot use their directories will not be charged (Contact the Business Office for the details).

MOBILE HOMES

Have you seen the new mobile home designed with complete accessibility? For further information: R-A Nell Homes, Route 2, Box 71, Maxton, N.C. 28364. Phone (919) 844-5055.

D.I.A.

Jay Newman wrote an outstanding article on "The Organization That Got Transbus Rolling" recently published in the D.I.A. newsletter "Disabled in Action Speaks" May/June 1978 edition. If you want a subscription, write D.I.A., 1460 Devereaux Avenue, Phila., Pa. 19149.



Ms. Ann Yeager, a Data Recording Machine Operator with the Personal Income Tax Bureau, Department of Revenue is named the Handicapped State Employee of 1977.

VACATION TOUR FOR THE DISABLED

A Vacation Tour has been planned in October. The entire trip is designed to accommodate the handicapped traveler. For further information, contact Clarence and Lois Heller, 1501 West Main Street, Ephrata, Pa. 17522 or phone (717) 738-2456.

T.T.Y. NOT BEING USED

The Governor's Action Center, in order to better serve the deaf population of the Commonwealth, had a TTY installed. The Governor's Action Center is designed to help ALL citizens with problems related to state government. They can be reached at 1-800-932-0784, a toll free number.

MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER

Advisory Board to Secretary of Labor & Industry: on Architectural Barriers
JULY 17, 1978
10:00 a.m.
17th floor Conf. Rm.
Labor & Industry Bldg.
Harrisburg, Pa.

Human Service Management Council

July: No Mtg.
Aug. 17, 1978
Sept. 21, 1978
Oct. 19, 1978
1:00 p.m.
Rm. 238 Capitol
Harrisburg, Pa.

MH/MR Advisory Committee

July 14, 1978
Aug. 11, 1978
Sept. 8, 1978
Oct. 13, 1978
10:00 a.m.
Rm. 236 Health & Welfare
Harrisburg, Pa.

Pa. Council for Exception Children

October 13-14, 1978
Ben Franklin Hotel
Philadelphia
8:00 a.m.

State Advisory Committee for the Blind

Sept. 14, 1978
Dec. 14, 1978
10:00 a.m.
Rm. 326 Health & Welfare
Harrisburg, Pa.

State Right-to-Education

Sept. 14
1:00 p.m.
I.U. #12
New Oxford

Oct. 19, 1978
1:00 p.m.
I.U. #29
Pottsville

State Board of Voc. Rehab.

Sept. 12, 1978
10:00 a.m.
17th floor conf. rm.
Labor & Industry Bldg.
Harrisburg, Pa.

U.C.P. Annual Meeting

Federal Program Conference at the
Mariott Motor Hotel City Line
Philadelphia
November 16, 17, 18, 1978

Governor's Committee for the Physically Handicapped

Aug. 16, 1978
Sept. 20, 1978
10:00 a.m.
900 Market Street
Harrisburg, Pa.

JULY 21-22-23 D-DAN Advocacy
Training Program at Harrisburg Sheraton.

AUGUST 18-19 P.S.A.D.

SEPTEMBER 24-28 Amer. Academy for
CP & Developmental Medicine, Royal
Hotel Toronto

SEPTEMBER 9 Inservice Training for
Local Task Force at Greensburg

SEPTEMBER 26 Inservice Training for
Local Task Force
Williamsport

SEPTEMBER 27 Inservice Training for
Local Task Force at Reading

SEPTEMBER 15 Conf. on Hcpd.
Individuals, Inc. Board meeting.

OCTOBER 12-14 Council on Exceptional
Children, at the Poconos

OCTOBER 15-19 National Recreation &
Park Assn. & The National Therapeutic
Recreation Association.

OCTOBER 19-22 Fall Conf. of UCPA
National District, at Philadelphia Mariott.

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